



BIOGRAPHY

CIVIL AIR PATROL

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MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD L. BOWLING

Major General Richard L. Bowling is the Commander of Civil Air Patrol which is the United States Air Force Auxiliary and, by law, Congressionally chartered to perform Homeland Security and Emergency Service Missions, Aerospace Education, and Cadet Programs for America.

General Bowling was born May 19, 1948, in Knoxville, Tennessee and graduated from the University of Tennessee with Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees in education. The General also completed CAP Cadet Officers School, CAP Region Staff College, CAP National Staff College and the U.S. Air Force Squadron Officers School.

General Bowling joined CAP as a Cadet in 1961. He is a mission pilot, master observer and FAA flight safety counselor. Prior to his most recent command assignment, the General served as Vice Commander, Southeast Region Commander, Tennessee Wing Commander and Southeast Region Deputy Chief of Staff for Professional Development. In 1995, he served on the National Commander's Select Working Group for Reorganization of CAP/USAF and Uniform Selection and was charter member of the National Training Committee. In 1998, he was appointed to represent CAP on the Integrated Process Team, which prepared the framework for a joint report to Congress on CAP/USAF affairs. In 1999, he was appointed to negotiate the restructure of CAP/USAF, the Statement of Work, Cooperative Funding Agreement and legislation updates. In 2001, he was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors. In 2002, he was appointed to the General Officer Steering Committee for Homeland Security, by Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon. He has directed five Region Staff Colleges for Senior Officers, and taught numerous squadron and corporate leadership courses. Additionally, he served as Tennessee Wing Director of Personnel, Director of Cadet Programs and Cadet Commander of the Knoxville Composite Squadron.



His CAP awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with two Bronze Clasps, the Exceptional Service Award with six Bronze Clasps, Meritorious Service Award with eight Bronze Clasps, the Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Achievement Award and the A. Scott Crossfield Master Educator Award. The General also holds CAP's highest academic award – the Gill Rob Wilson Award.

Professionally, General Bowling is Vice President and General Manager of Russell, Montgomery and Associates; a Tennessee-based human resources consulting firm. His industry affiliations include the National Management Association, Society for Human Resource Management and State of Tennessee Personnel Service Board. His civic duties include the following: Trustee Knox County Public Library Board and Liaison to the East Tennessee Historical Society. In 2002 he was appointed by the President to sit on the Board of Directors of the Citizens Corp, Washington, DC.

(Current as of December 2002)

The General is married to the former Ellen Elizabeth “Ellie” Sanders. They have on son, Richard T. “Dusty” Bowling.

Promotion Dates:

2nd Lieutenant	June 1972
1st Lieutenant	October 1975
Captain	June 1977
Major	September 1979
Lieutenant Colonel	April 1987
Colonel	May 1992
Brigadier General	August 2001
Major General	December 2002

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